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SUBJ: VISIT TO ROMANIA OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EARL BUTZ

1. FOR IBS: FOLLOWING IS TRANSMITTED FOR POSSIBLE USE IN ENGLISH AND LANGUAGE SERVICE BROADCASTS. FOR IPS: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INCLUDING SEGMENTS AT LEAST OF TEXT BELOW IN WIRELESS FILE OF NOVEMBER 21.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE FIRST VISIT EVER BY AN AMERICAN SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO ROMANIA BEGAN TODAY WHEN EARL BUTZ ARRIVED IN BUCHAREST TO BEGIN TWO DAYS OF TALKS WITH ROMANIAN OFFICIALS. THE PURPOSE OF SECRETARY BUTZ' VISIT IS TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBLITIES FOR INCREASED AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ROMANIA. ROMANIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ANGELO MICULESCU, OFFICIAL HOST FOR THE VISIT, MET SECRETARY BUTZ AND HIS DELEGATION UPON THEIR ARRIVAL FROM BELGRADE AT OTOPENI AIRPORT. MINISTER MICULESCU AND SECRETARY BUTZ WILL BE CONTINUING TALKS BEGUN IN SEPTEMBER, WHEN THE ROMANIAN AGRICULTURAL LEADER MADE AN OFFICIAL VIST TO THE U.S. DURING HIS STAY IN THE U.S., MINISTER MICULESCU SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND PROTOCOL ON AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION WITH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.
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AFTER HIS ARRIVAL THIS AFTERNOON, SECRETARY BUTZ EMBARKED ON A SERIES OF CALLS, FIRST ON MINISTER MICULESCU, AND LATER IN THE DAY ON ION PATAN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN COMMERCE, WHO ALSO WAS RECENTLY IN THE U.S. FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE JOINT U.S.-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION. IN THE EVENING HE WAS THE GUEST OF HONOR AT A DINNER HOSTED BY MINISTER MICULESCU. TOMORROW SECRETARY BUTZ WILL CALL ON OTHER ROMANIAN LEADERS, AND THEN TRAVEL INTO THE PRAHOVA VALLEY NORTH OF BUCHAREST TO VISIT A POULTRY INSTALLATION, A COOPERATIVE FARM AND A WINE RESEARCH INSTITUTE. HE WILL BE HONORED TOMORROW EVENING AT A DINNER GIVEN BY AMERICAN CHARGE' D' AFFAIRES RICHARD N. VIETS.

THE AMERICAN DELEGATION WILL LEAVE ROMANIA SUNDAY AFTERNOON. END TEXT.
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